

## SIN

In low *simplicity*,  
He lends out money *gratis*, and brings down  
The rate of usance. *Shakespeare.*  
Marquis Dorset, a man for his harmless *simplicity*, neither  
milked nor much regarded, was created Duke. *Hayward.*  
Suspicion sleeps  
At wisdom's gate, and to *simplicity*  
Relinquish her charge. *Milton.*  
Of manners gentle, of affections mild;  
In wit a man, *simplicity* a child. *Pope.*  
Beauty is their own,  
The feeling heart, *simplicity* of life,  
And elegance and taste. *Thompson's Summer.*  
The native elegance and *simplicity* of her manners, were ac-  
companied with real benevolence of heart. *Female Quixote.*  
2. Plainness; not subtilty; not abstruseness.  
They keep the reverend *simplicity* of ancient times. *Hooker.*  
Those enter into farther speculations herein, which is the  
itch of curiosity, and content not themselves with the *sim-*  
*plicity* of that doctrine, within which this church hath con-  
tained itself. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*  
3. Plainness; not finery.  
They represent our poet, when he left Mantua for Rome,  
dressed in his best habit, too fine for the place whence he came,  
and yet retaining part of its *simplicity*. *Dryden.*  
4. Singleness; not composition; state of being uncompounded.  
Mandrakes afford a papaverous and unpleasant odour in the  
leaf or apple, as is discoverable in their *simplicity* and mixture.  
We are led to conceive that great machine of the world, to  
have been once in a state of greater *simplicity* than now it is, as  
to conceive a watch once in its first and simple materials. *Burnet.*  
5. Weakness; silliness.  
Many that know what they should do, would nevertheless  
dissemble it, and to excuse themselves, pretend ignorance and  
*simplicity*, which now they cannot. *Hooker.*  
How long ye simple ones will ye love *simplicity*? and fools  
hate knowledge? *Prov. i. 22.*  
SIMPLIST. *n. f.* [from *simple*.] One skilled in simples.  
A plant so unlike a rose, it hath been mistaken for some good  
*simplicity* for amonum. *Brown's Vulg. Errors.*  
SIMPLY. *adv.* [from *simple*.]  
1. Without art; without subtilty; plainly; artlessly.  
Accomplishing great things by things deem'd weak;  
Subverting worldly strong and worldly wife,  
By *simply* meek. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
2. Of itself; without addition.  
This question about the changing of laws concerneth only  
such laws as are positive, and do make that now good or evil,  
by being commanded or forbidden, which otherwise of itself  
were not *simply* the one or the other. *Hooker.*  
3. Merely; solely.  
Under man, no creature in the world is capable of felicity  
and bliss; because their chiefest perfection consisteth in that  
which is best for them, but not in that which is *simply* best, as  
ours doth. *Hooker.*  
I will eat and drink, and sleep as soft  
As captain shall; *simply* the thing I am  
Shall make me live. *Shakespeare.*  
To say, or to do ought with memory and imitation, no pur-  
pose or respect should sooner move us, than *simply* the love of  
God and of mankind. *Milton.*  
4. Foolishly; sillily.  
SIMULAR. *n. f.* [from *simulus*, Latin.] One that counterfeits.  
Hide thee, thou bloody hand,  
Thou perjuror, thou *simular* of virtue,  
That art incestuous. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
SIMULATION. *n. f.* [from *simulatio*, French; *simulatio* from *simulus*,  
Latin.] That part of hypocrisy which pretends that to be  
which is not.  
*Simulation* is a vice rising of a natural falseness, or fear-  
fulness; or of a mind that hath some main faults; which  
because a man must needs disguise, it maketh him practise  
*simulation*. *Bacon.*  
For the unquestionable virtues of her person and mind,  
he well expressed his love in an act and time of no *simula-*  
*tion* towards his end, bequeathing her all his mansion-houses,  
and a power to dispose of his whole personal estate. *Wotton.*  
For distinction sake, a deceiving by word is commonly  
called a lie; and deceiving by actions, gestures, or behavi-  
our, is called *simulation* or hypocrisy. *South's Sermons.*  
SIMULTANEOUS. *adj.* [from *simultaneus*, Latin.] Acting to-  
gether; existing at the same time.  
If the parts may all change places at the same time, with-  
out any respect of priority or posteriority to each other's  
motion, why may not bullets, closely crowded in a box,  
move by a like mutual and *simultaneous* exchange? *Glanville.*  
SIN. *n. f.* [from *syn*, Saxon.]  
1. An act against the laws of God; a violation of the laws of  
religion.  
How hast thou the heart,  
Being a divine, a ghostly confessor,  
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A *sin* absolver, and my friend profess,  
To manacle me with that word banishment. *Shakespeare.*  
But those that sleep, and think not on their *sin*,  
Pinch them. *Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.*  
Thou knowest, Lord, that I am pure from all *sin* with  
man. *Tob. iii. 14.*  
2. Habitual negligence of religion.  
*Sin*, death, and hell, have set their marks upon him,  
And all their ministers attend on him. *Shakespeare.*  
Dishonest shame  
Of nature's works: honour dishonourable!  
*Sin*-bred! how have ye troubled all mankind?  
Is there no means, but that a *sin*-sick land  
Should be let blood with such a boisterous hand? *Milton.*  
Vice or virtue chiefly imply the relation of our actions to  
men in this world: *sin* and holiness rather imply their relation  
to God and the other world. *Watson's Logic.*  
Light from her thought, as summer's careless robe,  
Fell each affection of this *sin*-worn globe. *Brooke.*  
3. It is used by *Shakespeare* emphatically for a man enormously  
wicked.  
Thy ambition,  
Thou scarlet *sin*, rob'd this bewailing land  
Of noble Buckingham. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*  
TO SIN. *v. n.* [from the noun.]  
1. To neglect the laws of religion; to violate the laws of reli-  
gion.  
Stand in awe and *sin* not. *Psalms iv. 4.*  
Many also have perished, err'd, and *sin*'d for women. *Esdr.*  
He shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that *sin* not  
unto death. *1 John v. 16.*  
2. To offend against right.  
I am a man,  
More *sin*'d against than *sinning*. *Shakespeare.*  
And who but wishes to invert the laws  
Of order, *sin* against th' eternal cause. *Pope's Essay on Man.*  
SIN. *n. f.* [from *sin* and *uorn*.] A vile sinful creature.  
I would not soil these pure ambrosial weeds,  
With the rank vapours of the *sin*-worn mould. *Milton.*  
SINCE. *adv.* [formed by contraction from *sithence*, or *sith*  
*thence*, from *sith*, Saxon.]  
1. Because that.  
Since the clearest discoveries we have of other spirits, be-  
sides God and our own souls, are imparted by revelation,  
the information of them should be taken from thence. *Lact.*  
Since truth and constancy are vain,  
Since neither love, nor sense of pain,  
Nor force of reason can persuade,  
Then let example be obey'd. *Glanville.*  
2. From the time that.  
Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever *since*  
I was thine unto this day? *Num. xxii. 30.*  
He is the most improved mind *since* you saw him, that ever  
was, without shifting into a new body. *Pope.*  
3. Ago; before this.  
About two years *since*, it so fell out, that he was brought  
to a great lady's house. *Sidney.*  
Spies held me in chafe, that I was forc'd to wheel  
Three or four miles about; else had I, sir,  
Half an hour *since*, brought my report. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*  
A law was made no longer *since* than the twenty eighth of  
Henry the eighth. *Davies's Hist. of Ireland.*  
How many ages *since* has Virgil writ?  
SINCE. *preposition.* After; reckoning from some time past to the  
time present.  
He *since* the morning hour set out from heav'n. *Milton.*  
If such a man arise, I have a model by which he may build a  
nobler poem than any extant *since* the ancients. *Dryden.*  
SINCERE. *adj.* [from *sincerus*, Latin; *sincerus*, French.]  
1. Unhurt; uninjured.  
He try'd a tough well chosen spear;  
Th' inviolable body flood *sincere*. *Dryden.*  
2. Pure; unmingled.  
Pardon my tears, 'tis joy which bids them flow:  
A joy which never was *sincere* till now;  
That which my conquest gave, I could not prize,  
Or 'twas imperfect till I saw your eyes. *Dryden.*  
The pleasures of sense befalls taste *sincere*, and pure always,  
without mixture or alloy, without being distracted in the pur-  
suit, or disquieted in the use of them. *Atterbury.*  
Animal substances differ from vegetables, in that being re-  
duced to ashes, they are perfectly insipid, and in that there  
is no *sincere* acid in any animal juice. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*  
3. Honest; undissembling; uncorrupt.  
This top proud fellow,  
Whom from the flow of gall I name not, but  
From *sincere* motions by intelligence  
I do know to be corrupt. *Shakespeare's Her. VIII.*  
Nor troubled at these tidings from the earth,  
Which your *sincere* care could not prevent;  
Foretold so lately what would come to pass,  
When first this temper cross'd the gulf from hell. *Milton.*

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In English I would have all Gallicisms avoided, that our  
tongue may be *sincere*, and that we may keep to our own lan-  
guage. *Felton on the Clafficks.*  
SINCERELY. *adv.* [from *sincere*.] Honestly; without hypocrisy;  
with purity of heart.  
The purer and perfecter our religion is, the worthier effects  
it hath in them who steadfastly and *sincerely* embrace it. *Hooker.*  
That you may, fair lady,  
Perceive I speak *sincerely*, the king's majesty  
Does purpose honour to you. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*  
In your whole reasoning, keep your mind *sincerely* intent in  
the pursuit of truth. *Watson's Logic.*  
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SINCERITY. *n. f.* [from *sincere*, French; from *sincere*.]  
1. Honesty of intention; purity of mind.  
Jesus Christ has purchased for us terms of reconciliation,  
who will accept of *sincerity* instead of perfection; but then this  
*sincerity* implies our honest endeavours to do our utmost. *Rogers.*  
2. Freedom from hypocrisy.  
In thy consort cease to fear a foe;  
For thee the feels *sincerity* of woe. *Pope's Odyssey.*  
SIN. *n. f.* [Latin.] A fold; a wrapper.  
There were found a book and a letter, both written in fine  
parchment, and wrapped in *sindens* of linen. *Bacon.*  
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